



May 25, 2006

**South Mass Ave Update:
Construction Work Zone to Move from Lafayette Square to Vassar Street**

Dear South Mass Ave Community Members:

Full-depth roadway reconstruction nearing completion at Lafayette Square:

- Asphalt base and binder paving at the intersection of Mass/ Main/ Columbia was completed yesterday.
- Mass Highway's contractor is currently working to have utility covers adjusted. All these adjustments must be made by various private utility companies.
- Once utility covers are adjusted, Main Street will reopen to one-way traffic. This may happen at the end of the day Friday, May 26, or on Tuesday, May 30.
- Weather permitting, temporary striping is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31. Once striping is completed, barriers will be removed and two-way traffic will be restored on Main and Columbia streets.

Full-depth roadway reconstruction to start on Mass Ave at Vassar Street on or shortly after Wednesday, May 31:

- This work zone will be on Mass Ave in the lane of traffic headed toward Central Square, between an area slightly south of Vassar Street and the railroad tracks.
- The work zone will be designated with jersey barriers or orange barrels. There will be no parking on the section of Mass Ave adjacent to the work zone.
- During this construction, traffic will be one-way westbound on the section of Vassar Street between Main Street and Mass Ave. Traffic wishing to access this section of Vassar Street from the Mass Ave end will be detoured to use Albany Street to reach Vassar Street from the Main Street end (see attached detour map).
- Roadway construction in the Vassar Street work zone will continue into mid-June.

Thank you as always for your patience during this construction. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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